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1. FIGURES CITED PARA 1 REF C ARE OFFICIAL BUT NOT YET PUBLISHED, MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT FIGURES. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THEY ARE GENERALLY ACCURATE WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF 1977 PADDY PRODUCTION FIGURE OF 2.2 MILLION TONS WHICH MAY BE INFLATED. HOWEVER, GENERAL CONCLUSION REMAINS THE SAME: MADAGASCAR WILL HAVE TO IMPORT APPROXIMATELY 200,000 TONS OF RICE IN 1978. (NOTE: OF THIS TOTAL,50,000 TONS ALREADY IMPORTED IN EARLY 1978.)

2.REFS A & B PROVIDE FURTHER BACKGROUND AND GENERALLY SUPPORT ESTIMATE OF 200,000 TONS RICE SHORTFALL FOR 1978.

MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGED THIS SHORTFALL.

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